

Sermon Outline

Isaiah Series, Part 8: The Good News of a Great Reversal (Isaiah 61)

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Main Idea: In this final part of our series in Isaiah we look at the harsh reality of life in a fallen world and the hope, freedom and joy that God calls us to in Christ both now and in the New Heavens and New Earth.

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1. His Mission: Jesus Brings Good News to the Poor (v1-2)
2. His Message: Jesus Brings Good News of a Great Reversal (v3-9)
3. His Triumph: Jesus Brings Good News of Everlasting Joy (v10-11)

Key Text/Quotes:

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."* Luke 4:18-19 (Jesus quoting from Isa 61)

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.'" Revelation 21:3-4

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read Isaiah 61:1-11 and open in prayer.
2. Mark opened his sermon reminding us of the contrasts that Isaiah 61 presents to us (captivity vs. freedom, grief vs. gladness, ruin vs. restoration, etc.). Many of us don't want to look at this reality. Discuss the benefit of Scripture presenting to us the most honest and accurate picture of life in a fallen world, and how in doing so it is meant to draw us to God.
3. In discussing people being drawn to God, discuss how loving and merciful God is in making it clear to us HOW he plans to draw people to himself in and through faith in Jesus Christ. This is the purpose of all of Scripture but most specifically the purpose of the 4 Gospel accounts.
4. Discuss point 2 above and how through Jesus Christ God is at work bringing about a Great Reversal.
5. Discuss point 3 above and the depth of blessing, hope and joy we have in our salvation in Jesus Christ, both now and eternally.
6. Take time to pray for one another.